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FLUE GAS TREATING SYSTEM AND PROCESS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D`.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert This is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/058,965, filed April 13, 1998.—

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims

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--9. A flue gas treating process for treating a flue gas comprising nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides, the process comprising:

denitrating the flue gas with a denitrator;

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